



The National Weather Service Forecast Office in Slidell is proud to announce our upcoming Open House to kickoff the new Weather-Ready Nation initiative. We sincerely hope that you will join us for an exciting day at the office. If you would like to learn about the Weather-Ready Nation plan, please visit:

<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/com/weatherreadynation/>

When: Saturday, January 21, 2012

Time: 10AM to 3PM

Where: National Weather Service Forecast Office
62300 Airport Road, Slidell, LA, 70460

Cost: FREE!!!

Events and Activities include:

- Take a guided tour of the office and visit various operational meteorology desks
 - Witness a weather balloon launch
- Participate in various hands-on weather and environmental activities for children
 - Take a "ride" in the Hahnville Fire Department's tornado safety trailer
 - See an actual marine buoy from the National Data Buoy Center

At 12:30PM there will be a press conference open to the public to officially kickoff the National Weather Service's new Weather-Ready Nation initiative. Speakers will include Dr. Kathryn Sullivan of NOAA, the Director of the National Weather Service, Dr. Jack Hayes and Ken Graham, Meteorologist-in-Charge of the NWS New Orleans/Baton Rouge forecast office. The list of speakers is still being finalized, so check back here for additional details as the event nears.

Directions:

From Baton Rouge: Take Interstate 12 East to Airport Road (Exit 80). Take a left on Airport Road and proceed to the end of the road, past the Royal Golf Club. The Weather Service Office is on the right.

From New Orleans/Mississippi Gulf Coast: Take Interstate 10 to Interstate 12 West and proceed to Airport Road (Exit 80). Take a right onto Airport Road and proceed to the end of the road, past the Royal Golf Club. The Weather Service Office is on the right.

Parking will be at the St. Tammany Mosquito Abatement building next door to our office.